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Energy and Environment News examines the current battle over EPA's 404(c) clean water authority in the U.S., with Trout Unlimited lobbying on behalf of the rarely used authority, which could be used to protect Bristol Bay. "This is a world-class fishery that is supporting lots and lots of people, both financially and culturally. And we're thinking about trading that away," said Shoren Brown, TU Alaska policy director. John Shively, CEO of the Pebble Limited Partnership, which spent \$500,000 on beltway lobbying in 2010 and \$200,000 so far this year, said he doubts the EPA has the authority to veto the Pebble Mine project.

Indian Country Today profiles Bristol Bay, Alaska, highlighting the unique, nearly untouched region and its thriving salmon run, which could become a savior of salmon in the lower 48, where development, dams, and toxins have reduced salmon to meager runs.

"The future of salmon lies in Bristol Bay. Its salmon gene bank is the largest, most diverse and uncontaminated on the planet," said Carol Ann Woody, a fisheries and wildlife biologist. She adds that Bristol Bay will be able to supply salmon to new areas, as salmon ranges move northward due to rising ocean temperatures. Of the remaining North American wild salmon, about one third are threatened and don't have the genetic diversity to adapt to global warming and other stresses.

Sen. Murkowski tweeted answers to constituent questions during a "Brown Bag Twitter Hall," including Pebble Mine, saying, "A thorough process is in place to evaluate the merits of the project."

Here's a weekly roundup of media. For more information, see www.SaveBristolBay.org

Foes of Alaska mine go to bat for EPA veto power

Manuel Quinones

Energy and Environment

Opponents of a massive Alaska gold and copper mining project are urging Congress to turn back a legislative assault on U.S. EPA's power to veto dredge-and-fill permits under the Clean Water Act. The lobbying push by Trout Unlimited comes as House Republicans attempt to attach anti-EPA riders to spending legislation and days after the House passed a bill sponsored by Reps. John Mica (R-Fla.) and Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.) that restricts the agency from vetoing projects like Alaska's proposed Pebble mine... Click here to read more

Beautiful Bristol Bay is Popular with both Salmon and Tourists

Hans Tammemagi

Indian Country Today

At the edge of the Arctic lies a primordial land where immense tectonic plates collide. Volcanoes outline the area, their smoking fumaroles hinting at immense forces deep below the ground, and earthquakes occasionally rumble through the landscape... Click here to read more

Why wild Salmon is worth the Fight (VIDEO) Nicole Betancourt Huffington Post Next year, developers plan to apply for permits for the construction of America's largest open-pit copper and gold mine, in the heart of Alaska's most valuable salmon runs... Click here to watch

Statewide harvest edges over 53 million salmon of all species

Margaret Bauman

Alaska Newspapers

As Bristol Bay's famed sockeye salmon run slowed to a harvest of 20.4 million fish, the run of reds in Upper Cook Inlet began to surge, and the state total of all species of salmon harvested to date in 2011 climbed above 53 million fish... Click here to read more

Social media "brown bag" gets Murkowski a lot of Tweets

Tundra Drums

Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, found herself tweeting overtime today. The senator was responding to an eclectic mix of constituents' questions ranging from natural resources development issues to her success at dip net fishing for sockeye salmon on the Kenai Peninsula... Click here to read more

Celebrating Bristol Bay's wild Alaska salmon

Bristol Bay Times and Alaska Newspapers

Celebrating wild Alaska salmon is all part of Nushtival, a summerfest at Dillingham now in its fourth year... Click here to read more

BBNC shareholders meet in Anchorage on Oct 1

Bristol Bay Times

Four incumbent board members of the Bristol Bay Native Corp. have been recommended for re-election at the corporation's 2011 annual meeting in Anchorage on Oct. 1... Click here to read more

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